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## AS WELL TRY TO LIVE WITHOUT EATING.

**DEEP RIVER ALLIANCE, No. 526, Gulf, N. C., May 15, '89.**

Mr. Editor:—A few lines this a. m.

in regard to the Alliance, crops, &c.

Well, No. 526 is still in existence, but

some times I fear it has a disease that

will kill it; it is negligence—a want of

confidence in the brethren, or something

of the kind, for we can't get them

to attend regular. Now I am quite

a young adviser, but, brethren, let

me tell you, that it is just as much

impossible for you to be a successful

Alliance member without attending

regular as it is to live without eating.

You cannot be a good and true Alli-

ance man without being prompt to

attend, and if you do not take THE

PROGRESSIVE FARMER next fall, if you

don't watch you will be two years be-

hind instead of one. But let the

officers attend any way, for it is more

essential that they attend regular than

the other members. We have sixty

odd members on our roll, and the ma-

jority of them are good men; if we

could just get them all together, we

could help roll the stone away that

draws the farmer back so much.

Now, brethren, let us attend our

meeting every time; don't miss a

single time, and take my word for it

we will move on faster. We are not

at all afraid but what we will conquer

the enemy, but the more we have the

easier the fight will be and the sooner

we will gain the victory. Remember

that our election comes off in June;

let us elect officers that do attend

regular, and my opinion is that the

lecturer ought to be a solid man and

one that practices what he preaches.

Now for a few words in regard to

the wheat and oat crop: It certainly

is fine; very nearly as good as it was

in 1883. We will fatten up when we

can quit eating soap stone and get

some good peas to eat. The outlook

is the want of faith in its officers, mem-  
bers and its principles. Now wake  
up; throw off that hindrance; don't  
even think of it, and let every Sub-  
Alliance in the State of North Caro-  
lina draw some from its treasury, and  
besides that let every individual who  
possibly can pay \$1, any way, if not  
more.

Now I will close for this time, hoping  
that before the beginning of the year  
1890 we will have the desired amount,  
and I know we will if every member  
will do his duty. Let me say to all the  
brethren, do the best you can; look  
for your neighbor's interest as well as  
your own. Let us all work together.  
Let us fight the bagging trust, and  
fight it with a vim too. We can, we  
will, and I tell you we must come out  
victorious or we will forever be trod-  
den down. We must fight such men  
as buy corn at fifty cents per bushel  
and sell for ninety cents to \$1 per  
bushel on time to a poor farmer who  
cannot help himself. No, thanks be  
to God, we don't expect to live under  
such bondage forever, and I think the  
time is not far distant when we farm-  
ers of North Carolina will shake hands  
with just such merchants.

Well I must close, for I tell you I  
am not so independent but what some  
one might take exceptions at this. I  
believe if Col. Polk was a farmer and  
farming on credit, he would expose  
some of these extortioners. (No fifty  
men in our State has done so much to  
open the eyes of our farmers on this  
subject as he.—Ed.) Wishing you  
much success, and all the farmers a  
better day; I am,

Respectfully,  
W. D. HOOKER, Sec'y.

## LET THE ALLIANCE MANUFACTURE ITS OWN FERTILIZER.

DURHAM, May 10, 1889.

It has been a long time since any-

thing appeared in your paper from

our lodge, but we are still living and

progressing as rapidly perhaps as we

should. Our membership is far ahead

of what it was six months ago. No

discord and strife ever arises among

our band. Outsiders are working

against us but our lecturer is fully ca-

pable of meeting every objection of

fered against us to the full satisfac-

tion of all our members. Our lodge

is certainly blessed with one of the

best lecturers in the State. He is a

man in whom the people have confi-

dence, a man of pure motives, true

blue Alliance man, a pure Christian

gentleman. We have purchased our

fertilizers at same price as of last

year. I, for one, think it all a hum-

bug about chemicals being higher

than heretofore. I have heard

enough to fully convince me that this

plea is well understood between the

manufacturers and his agents. Right

here I will say let us commence at

once to establish a fertilizer company

of our own. \$1.00 from every male

member of the Alliance in the State,

will raise funds sufficient to establish

one of the largest fertilizer companies

in the State then we will know when

chemicals are high and when they are

low. I will vouch for \$1.00 per mem-

ber from our lodge. Let this be done

by all means.

Our warehouse and factory is a suc-

cess. We would like for all who can

to visit our factory and see its ar-

rangements workings let it not be

surpassed by any factory in the State.

Drs. White and Dalby know how

make money count. Through their

hard work and skillful management

we are to-day manufacturing a brand

of smoking tobacco (Farmers' Delight)

unsurpassed by any in the known

world; and those who doubt it will

be convinced if they try one package.

Ye Alliance men smoke none other

## FROM ORANGE COUNTY.

Long Sermon in Few Words.

ORANGE ACADEMY ALLIANCE, No. 1073.

Mr. Editor:—Ever since I have

been reading your valuable paper

nothing has so much impressed my

mind as the need of Farm Reform.

Whatever may be the condition of our

country at large, our farmers cannot

prosper under the existing circum-

stances. Our farmers are not self-

supporting under present system of

farming. We need a more economi-

cal system, one that will improve our

lands and bring a better return for

our labor, we need a system that will

make our living and protect us from

the galling yoke of monopoly. We

need that system of thought and ac-

tion that carried our forefathers

through the American Revolution.

Independence is the only firm basis

on which the farmer can stand.

Live at home and board at the same

house. Make your own manure dis-

persing with going in debt for fertil-

izer, make all the provisions that it is

possible for you to make and let cot-

ton and tobacco be a surplus crop.

Plant less and make it better; ditch

your lands and clean up the branches

so as to make two ears of corn where

one has grown before. These and

other things faithfully followed with

pride will be better for us and if we

can manage these domestic affairs and

our Alliance will blossom like a rose.

Yes, we must build on what we have,

that is the soil. 'Tis but true that we

have been too careless both in farming

and the management of our business.

How long will our farmers stick to

these crude methods of farming or de-

pend on others to do their business who

study their own interest. It is not

enough for us to make a living al-

though it is more than some of us do

make. We have as good a right to

move on in the scale of progress as

any other class or profession. All we

ask, is give us a chance and we will

stand on our own merits.

And now a good word for THE PRO-

GRESSIVE FARMER. I consider it one

of the best agricultural papers in cir-

culation and coming as it does to that

class of people who need instruction,

it ought to be in the hands of every

farmer in the State. Yours fraternally,

A FARMER'S SON

## A WORD OF ADMONITION.

LAUREL, N. C., April 18, '89.

Mr. Editor:—Please give me space

in your paper to say a word to the

brethren. I cannot know them all,

but it matters not whether they are

young or near the middle of life, with

a fair degree of health and wise care,

you may have 20 or 30 years of use-

fulness before you. What can you

not accomplish in those years. You

have entered upon a life of infinite

possibilities and of grand opportunities.

God has endowed you with faculties

capable of development, and you are

in an age when true manhood and

efficiency are in great demand, and

the young men of to-day must in a

few years stand in all the responsible

places in life. They will be the govern-

ors of families, and they must control

all our institutions. They must make

and execute the laws for the protec-

tion and advancement of society. No

thoughtful man can stand at the

threshold of life and see the future

generation rising before him endowed

with immortality and know that their

destiny will depend in a great measure

upon the character of the young men

of the present, without realizing the

necessity of a discipline that shall

create well regulated homes and

Christian manhood. Your opportuni-

ties bring great responsibilities. You

are not only responsible for what you

are, but responsible for what you

ought to be. You are not only under

obligations to do all that for which

you have ability to do, but all for

which you can acquire ability to per-

form. The man who had one talent

was not condemned because he had

no talent, but because he did not ac-

quire another. Of course we can do  
no more than we are able to do at any  
given time, but if endowed with one  
talent, we must gain another, for we  
shall be responsible for two in time,  
and also for the work of two. All  
great men became great because of  
acquired ability. There must be the  
natural ability as a capital with  
which to start, but men have only  
enough natural ability to make a be-  
ginning, and along the lines of well-  
directed efforts do they day by day  
acquire ability for their life-work. The  
promise is that we shall have grace  
according to the day.

You must have a purpose in life,  
and the higher you set your mark the  
greater will be your achievements.

## COTTON AGAINST JUTE BAGGING.

Read and Digest.

W. H. Lawson, a delegate to the  
late Alliance Convention at Birming-  
ham, Ala., and Chairman of the Commit-  
tee on Tare, appointed by said Con-  
vention, makes the following statement  
in regard to cotton bagging:

The late Convention at Birming-  
ham, Ala., composed of representatives  
of the Alliance, Wheel and Union  
embracing the cotton growing States,  
adopted cotton bagging as a perma-  
nent covering for cotton, and ap-  
pointed a committee on tare consisting  
of W. H. Lawson, Esq., of Alabama,  
T. A. Clayton, Esq., of Louisiana, and  
Colonel L. F. Livingston, of Georgia,  
to confer with the cotton exchanges,  
buyers and manufacturers, to secure  
reduction of tare on cotton covered  
with cotton bagging. There has not  
been any meeting of the committee  
and the figures and statements here  
made are my own, and the committee  
is not responsible for them, and may  
not endorse them. I make the follow-  
ing table showing the cost to the pro-  
ducer of cotton and jute bagging:

Cotton Bag'ng— weight per y'd.	Jute Bag'ng— weight per y'd	Y'ds per bale.	Cost pr y'd ba- sis, Oct. deliv'y	Cost pr bale— 6 y'ds bagging	Tare—6 yards of bagging.	Arrow ties, per bale.	Cost per bale —6 Arrow ties	Tare—6 Ar- row ties.	Total cost bag- ging and ties, 1 bale cotton.	Total tare, bag- ging and ties, 1 bale cotton.	Gross weight, 1 bale cotton.	Loss tare.	Net weight, 1 bale cotton.	Market price pr lb. cotton.	Gross amt rec'd for one bale cotton.	Less total cost bag'g & ties.	Net proceeds 1 bale cotton to producer.
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